

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 7-12 and 14 without prejudice, amend claim 1, and add new claim 15 as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A magneto optic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate, a data area where the data is reproduced by a magneto optical method and a sector address area where the data is optically reproduced are included, and the data in said data area is reproduced by a reproducing laser power higher than that in said sector address area upon reproduction ~~and the recorded data is reproduced by setting a proper reproducing laser power upon reproduction,~~ wherein

magnetizing directions of a buffer area, ~~at~~the sector address area, and a gap area which are sandwiched between ~~said data areas where the data is recorded are~~ uniformly magnetized in a recording direction, which initializes said buffer, sector address, and gap areas.

2. (Original) A medium according to claim 1, wherein a mark in said recording layer is reflected from an aperture sandwiched between a front mask formed ahead of a reproducing beam in said reproducing layer and a rear mask formed behind the reproducing beam, and the data is reproduced by an MSR (Magnetically Induced Super Resolution).

3. (Original) A medium according to claim 1, wherein a signal is recorded and reproduced onto/from one or both of lands and grooves formed alternately on the medium.

4. (Original) A magneto optic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate and the recorded data is reproduced by setting a proper reproducing laser power upon reproduction, wherein

a front portion of a data area in which the data is recorded is uniformly magnetized in a recording direction.

5. (Original) A medium according to claim 4, wherein a mark in said recording layer is reflected from an aperture sandwiched between a front mask formed ahead of a reproducing beam in said reproducing layer and a rear mask formed behind the reproducing beam, and the data is reproduced by an MSR (Magnetically Induced Super Resolution).

6. (Original) A medium according to claim 4, wherein a signal is recorded and reproduced onto/from one or both of lands and grooves formed alternately on the medium.

7-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) A magneto optic recording medium, wherein a portion of an emboss area or a space area before or after a data area in which data is magneto optically recorded is uniformly magnetized in a recording direction.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A magneto optic recording medium in which at least a recording layer for recording data and a reproducing layer for reproducing the data recorded in said recording layer are formed on a substrate, a data area where the data is reproduced by a magneto optical method and a sector address area where the data is optically reproduced are included, and the data in said data area is reproduced by a reproducing laser power higher than that in said sector address area upon reproduction, wherein

magnetizing directions of areas including an emboss area before said data area are in a recording direction, which initializes said areas.

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